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8. [] Met with Representative Vernon W.

Thompson (R., Wis.) at Al Westphal's, Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, suggestion and briefed him on the ramifications of the Muskie amendment and he agreed the results would be adverse to the nation's interest. I reviewed with him a number of the arguments that could be made on the floor without involving the Agency and he felt they would be effective and in line with his thinking. I also gave him a copy of the language which would modify the amendment and assure the flexibility that exists under the current 1969 Presidential letter and a copy of Deputy Secretary William P. Clements', DOD, letter to Chairman Thomas E. Morgan on this subject. In response to his query, I told him that I could not be sure what prompted the Muskie amendment but to the extent that it may be aimed at the Agency it was unneeded, especially following the Presidential letter of 1961, clearly establishing the ambassador in his leadership role over the various agencies in the country of his assignment. I admitted to the possibility that in any specific country there may be conflicts of personality or differing capabilities, but this certainly would be the rare exception and not the rule, although 20 years ago or so there may well have been grounds for complaints over lack of effective coordination involving activities abroad.

In response to his question, explained I was not sure of the precise attitude of Chairman Morgan or Representative Hays (D., Ohio) to the matter but thought it would be supportive of our position and we had been in touch with Representative Hays' office to advise that we were providing necessary material for Representative Hays to Westphal. Representative Thompson was grateful of the alert on this problem before the debate on the State Authorization bill which is scheduled tomorrow afternoon.

9. [] In response to her request on behalf of Jim Calloway, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee, advised Pat Lord, of Calloway's staff, that Chairman John L. McClellan's (D., Ark.) rebuttal of the Proxmire amendment to the HUD Appropriation bill starts on page S. 14334 of the Congressional Record of 5 August.

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25X1 10. [] GLC) Received a call from Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, requesting a copy of the Agency budget book and a one-page breakout of our budget. Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) obviously wants this for his use in considering intelligence community budget within the Defense Appropriation bill. Braswell also asked for a citation to and the text of the Economy Act.

Later in the day I provided all of this material to Braswell and Guy McConnell, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, along with a list of services that the Agency has performed for other departments and agencies which might be cut off if section 406 of the HUD Appropriation bill (H. R. 15572) remains in that bill.

25X1 11. [] - GLC) Received a call from Vince Rakestraw, Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, asking me for our position on the Freedom of Information Act amendments. I told Rakestraw that we were not in favor of the amendments but had done the best we could to minimize the impact of this legislation and I told him of the efforts being made by the House Government Operations Committee staff to include in the conference report a recognition of the fact that Intelligence Sources and Methods were (like Communications Intelligence and Restricted Data) "born classified." I told Rakestraw that representatives of this office and our Office of General Counsel were attending a meeting at the Department of Justice on this subject this afternoon. Rakestraw was unaware that such a meeting had been scheduled but said that they had arranged to have the House/Senate conference postponed and that he was planning to have a meeting with the congressional staff people at 2:00 p. m. on Friday in an effort to "clean up the present legislation." It is clear that the previous attitude expressed by the Department of State of leaving the bill in bad shape so that a Presidential veto could be supported has now been changed.

25X1 12. [] - GLC) Left with Jim Calloway, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee, the Director's letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) expressing his opposition to

[] Committee. Calloway indicated that he plans to have the letter duplicated and sent to all members of the Subcommittee this afternoon (the full Appropriation Committee meets to reconsider this bill tomorrow).

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